

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Eva Sevick-Muraca, et al.  
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Art Unit No. 3737  
Examiner: W. C. Jung  
Title: *Imaging of Light Scattering Tissues with Fluorescent Contrast Agents*

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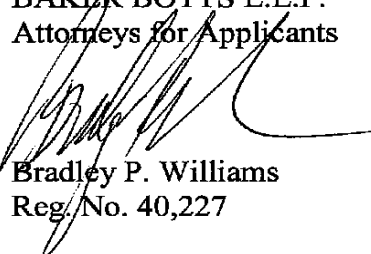
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